Public opinion will be invited on the Special Officer's memorandum. Government have not yet decided to start Settlement operations straightway. All that they have done is that a Special Officer has been appointed to prepare a Memorandum.

The survey of our lands is in great confusion. To rectify the existing mistakes a re-survey is absolutely necessary.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI; May I know what guarantee is there that the same mistakes will not be repeated?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Government will take precautions to see that mistakes are not repeated. A re-survey, I say, is very necessary.

I repeat what I have already said. Public opinion will be consulted on the Settlement memorandum before Government decide to start settlement operations and the question of a general remission of 25 per cent. of land tax will receive the anxious consideration of Government. I hope Mr. Balakrishnan Tampi will see his way to withdraw his motion.

MR. KOCHIKAL P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI: In the light of the assurance made by the Land Revenue Commissioner I beg leave to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Is it the wish of the House that the motion be withdrawn?

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: There are only 3 minutes more for this demand. So I put it that Demand I—Land Revenue—for Rs. 9,03,103 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEMAND II—TAXES ON INCOME.

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 14,820, under Demand II—Taxes on Income.

The following motion was not made.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI:

To omit the total allotment of Rs. 14,820 under Demand II.

PRESIDENT: Is there anybody who wishes to speak?

MR. KOCHIKAL P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI: I have to impress upon the attention of Government that they did a mistake in meekly acknowledging the cut made by the Lower House in the matter of Income Tax Inspectors. This is a confession that the Government did not know or they did not seek to work the Income Tax Department. Anyway, I do not oppose the demand.

PRESIDENT: I now place before the Council for its sanction, Demand II—Taxes on Income, for Rs. 14,820.

The grant was made.

DEMAND III—EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

MR. K. GEORGE: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 6,27,401 under Demand III—Excise Department.

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